

## Readings for next weekend — Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**First reading:** Isaiah 6:1-8; **Second reading:** 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; **Gospel:** Luke 5:1-11

2025 is a significant year in the Universal Church with the Jubilee. A time to pray as pilgrims of hope. Some of you have expressed interest in our Parish Pilgrimage in late July which includes time in Rome for the Jubilee of Youth and Assisi – Home to the Franciscans including the Capuchins. It was in this latter place that in 1225, exactly 800 years ago, St Francis of Assisi who was almost blind composed the Canticle of the Creatures. With the eyes of faith and filled with gratitude, he contemplated the wonders of creation and perceived the presence of the Creator who gave them meaning. To him, all creatures are mirrors of divine perfection, and were brothers and sisters because they were the work and gift of the same Author – God.

In the coming weeks, we will journey together and reflect on the Canticle of the Creatures; our relationship with creation; and hopefully recognise the presence and beauty of the Creator who reveals Himself in all creatures. We have the opportunity to proactively respond to the question: How do I want to live out my relationship with other creatures?

-Fr John Nguyen OFM Cap

## Parish & Diocesan News continued

### Music for Lent Workshop: 13 February

Musicians and Liturgy Planners are invited to attend an evening exploring Music for Lent on Thursday 13 February from 7:00 pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. The session will be presented by Eric Grella, Music Formation Facilitator, Mission Enhancement Team. Registrations are essential, please RSVP by 11 February via [parracatholic.org/music-workshop](http://parracatholic.org/music-workshop)

### FaithLIFE Scripture Short Courses for adults: 12-26 February

Are you looking to read the Bible more in 2025 but don't know where to start? Consider the FREE FaithLIFE Scripture Short Course guided by Scripture scholar, Dr Michele Connolly RSJ. Wednesdays, 12, 19, & 26 February. 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM 1-5 Marion Street Blacktown - Bishop Bede Heather Centre. RSVP via <https://parracatholic.org/faithlife> OR email [met@parracatholic.org](mailto:met@parracatholic.org)

### Parish Registration

If you are a new parishioner, we ask you to complete a registration form. If you have not yet filled out a registration form, please do so as soon as possible and return it to the Church or parish office. Forms are available at the entrance of the Church.

### How to Support Our Parish Family Financially

Parish Envelopes for the new financial year are available for subscribers to collect from the Entrance of the Church. If you would like to become an envelope subscriber please contact the parish office. We would also invite you to consider your level of giving. People wishing to contribute by direct debit – forms are available from the parish office. You can setup your own internet banking recurring payment to:

**BSB: 067 950 Account Number: 00000495**

**Account Name: Plumpton Catholic Parish Church**

- Tap & go machines are available for people to use. These are in the Church.
- Those who wish to donate to the Capuchin Friars (Priests), please make the recurring payments to the following account:

**BSB: 062-410 Account Number: 10136478**

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# THE PARISH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

130-136 Hyatts Road, Plumpton NSW 2761

*Celebrating Our 36th Anniversary*

*Parish Vision:*

*a place where all people are welcomed...  
a place where the gifts of the Holy Spirit are put to use...  
a place where people are empowered to live the good news of Jesus.*

### Weddings

Please call the Parish office for appointment. Arrangements should be made at least 6 months in advance.

### Holy Communion for the Sick

Please call the parish office for date and time.

### Anointing of the Sick

Please call the parish office to book a time and date.

### Baptisms

Parents and Godparents (2) must attend a Pre-Baptism Seminar prior to scheduling the Baptism. The seminar is offered once a month on the 4th Sunday in the Parish meeting room.

Please collect registration form from the Parish office. Baptism dates will be booked after attending the seminar.

### New Parish Projects—Meeting room and

Additional Toilets 09/02/2025

Donations \$28,365.00

Raffle tickets \$12,104.00

Legacy Donation \$43,000.00

Total Amount \$83,469.00

Revised Target Amount \$100,000.00

## FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year C)

09 February 2025

**1st Reading:** Isaiah 6:1-8

**2nd Reading:** 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

**Gospel Reading:** Luke 5:1-11

**Entrance Antiphon:**

*O come, let us worship God  
and bow low before the God who made us,  
for he is the Lord our God.*

**Responsorial Psalm:**

*In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.*

**GOSPEL Acclamation:**

*Alleluia, alleluia!  
Come follow me, says the Lord,  
and I will make you fishers of my people.  
Alleluia!*

**Communion Antiphon:**

*Let them thank the Lord for his mercy,  
his wonders for the children of men,  
for he satisfies the thirsty soul,  
and the hungry he fills with good things.*

### Acknowledgement

We show our respect and acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the Darug Country, Elders past, present and emerging, and extend that respect to all other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People.

### Parish Team:

Parish Priest	Fr Gerard O'Dempsey OFM Cap
Assistant Parish Priest	Fr John Nguyen OFM Cap
Business Manager	Mr Owens Reyes
Parish Musical Director	Mr Jacob Wielgosz
Parish Council Chairperson	Mr Anthony Matthews
RCIA Co-ordinator	Mr & Mrs Bernie & Yeng Banta
Sacramental Co-ordinator	Mrs Priscilla Corpuz
Parish SRE Co-ordinator	Ms Therese Fuller
Finance & Bingo Operator	Mr Romy Balite
Safeguarding Champion	Mr Joseph Fenech

### Daily MASS Times

Mon/Tue/Fri 9:00 am  
Wednesday 9:00 am & 7:30 pm  
Thursday 9:00 am & 7:00 pm (Vietnamese)  
1st & 2nd Friday 7:30 pm  
Saturday 8:00 am

### Weekend MASS Times

Saturday Vigil 6:00 pm  
Sunday 7:00 am, 9:00 am & 6:00 pm  
12:00 pm (Vietnamese)  
**Spanish Mass** Every 2nd Saturday of each month 7:30 pm

### Reconciliation (Confession)

**Saturday 10:30 to 11:30 am**  
Kindly ring Parish Office to book for other times during the week.

### Baptism Seminar

The next seminar will be held on the **23rd of February 2025 at 2:00 pm** in the parish meeting room. Please bring a copy of your child's birth certificate.

### Parish Based Youth Group – Antioch

Young people are empowered & nourished in their spiritual Journey and leadership. We have a youth group meeting every Sunday at 7:30 pm. We invite the youth for "Come and See" experience.

*"The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance."*

*-2 Peter 3:9*

### Please remember those for whom prayers have been requested

**Death Anniversaries / In Memoriam:** Felicidad Daduya Dela Cruz, Francis McCarthy, Cecilia Bautista, Joey Villadolid, Araceli Lorenzo, Jose Sebastian, Mary Mellet Lorenzo, Brandon Meurling, Corsino Zaragoza, Edmund Souza, Margaret Souza, John Lardizabal, Teofila Solito

**Healing / Good Health:** Mark, Michael, Tess, Bernardino Leopoldo Dado, Thea & Hope Edades, Tesa Mejo, Julius Uru

**Anniversary / Birthday / Thanksgiving / Special Intention:**

### We also remember in our prayers our housebound brothers & sisters

John ANGEL, Raylina AURE, Christine BAPTISTE, Doris & John BARRETT, Maureen BARTLETT, Philomena BENT, Joseph BUTTIGIGE, Jacqueline CAMERON, Conception CAPIENDO, Frances CARUANA, George CASSAR, Gwen & Robert CHAMBERS, Rita CLEARLY, Sr Gail COLQUHOUN, Clare DONOHOE, Paul DWYER, Wayne & Audrey FERNANDEZ, Jean-Marie & Marie-Claude FREDERIC, Fololetina FRETTON, Louise GRECH, Catherine HART, Eden & Ninoy JUCO, John KNIGHT, Nabil LABBAD, Francis LLOYD GOULD, Kathleen MORRISSEY, Deidre MURRAY, Mary MUSCAT, Elsie NONEY, Pamela PEARSON, Marie PURCELL, Gloria ROBERTS, Mary SIMMONS, Marian STEWART, Vivienne STEWART, Anthony & Natalina TEUMA, Mary THEVATHASAN, Raymond TOGHILL, Margaret TSENG, John VAIFALE, Sesilia VAVE, Augustina VELLA, Margaret VELLA, Aida WALCOTT, Russell & Mary WICKRAMASINGHE and Joan WREN.

## Parish & Diocesan News

### LENTEN Gospel Groups:

It's that time of year again – start thinking about the Lenten Gospel groups. Consider running one in your own house with family and friends – books and DVD are available from the parish office.

### Welcome Br. Duy Tran!

We are delighted to welcome Br. Duy (pronounced "Youi") Tran, a Capuchin student from Melbourne, who will be with us until March 4th.

### VODAFONE problems:

A number of parishioners (on Vodafone) have experienced difficulties in calling the parish office – this seems to be a Vodafone issue and has nothing to do with the parish telephone system. If you have difficulties make it known to Vodafone!

### Diocesan World Day of Prayer for the Sick: 11 February

A World Day of Prayer for the Sick, including the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, will be held at 11:00 am on Tuesday 11 February 2025 at St Patrick's Church, Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown. All are welcome, including those who may be sick, and those who care for the sick and dying and health care professionals. RSVPs are required by the 6th of February 2025 via [parracatholic.org/world-day-prayer-feb11](http://parracatholic.org/world-day-prayer-feb11)

### Peace, Justice & Ecology Sharings online gathering: 13 February

"Peace, Justice & Ecology Sharings" are quarterly online gatherings for everyone interested in social justice, care for creation, or global peace. They are an opportunity to connect, meet like-minded people, and discuss what's currently happening in the Peace, Justice & Ecology space. In February, the PJE Sharing will focus on raising the age of criminal responsibility in NSW and Caritas' Project Compassion. You are invited to join Thursday 13 February 2025, 6:30-8:00 pm. To receive a zoom link, please RSVP to [met@parracatholic.org](mailto:met@parracatholic.org)

### Sydney Alliance - Federal Pre-Election Assembly 2025: 13 March

The Sydney Alliance is inviting you to register for the 2025 Sydney Alliance Federal Pre-Election assembly on the 13th of March from 5:40 to 7:40 pm at the Morley Centre (Catherine McAuley), 2 Darcy Road, Westmead. Join us to demonstrate the power of civil society and to take action on housing, energy and climate ahead of the Federal election. The Assembly will include a roll call of organisations, testimonies from our communities and negotiations with politicians attending. We will ask decision makers to commit to our asks for specific, concrete post-election action on housing and renting, affordable and renewable energy, and climate resilience. We will close with an optional meal, joining members of the Muslim community who are observing Ramadan in an Iftar (breaking of the fast). Food provided by House of Welcome Catering, which provides employment pathways for people seeking asylum and refugees. All are welcome. Full information on registration link: <https://events.humanitix.com/sydney-alliance-federal-assembly-2025>

### ASH Wednesday:

We have a later start to Lent and Easter this year – Ash Wednesday falls on Wednesday March 5<sup>th</sup>  
Easter Triduum: Holy Thursday – April 17<sup>th</sup>, Good Friday – April 18<sup>th</sup>, Easter Vigil – April 19<sup>th</sup>.

### Coming events for February:

1. Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup>: Pastoral Planning meeting 7:30 pm
2. Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup>: Finance Committee meeting 7:30 pm
3. Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup>: Liturgy Committee meeting 7:30 pm
4. Thursday 27<sup>th</sup>: Parish Council meeting 7:30 pm
5. Friday 28<sup>th</sup>: Cantor's workshop 7:30 pm
6. Saturday March 1<sup>st</sup>: repeat of Cantor's workshop 9:00 am